



Northern Rockies
Coordination Group

West Central Montana
Member Agencies:

Montana DNRC
Southwestern Land
Office

U.S. Forest Service
Lolo National Forest

U.S. Forest Service
Bitterroot National
Forest

Confederated Salish
and Kootenai Tribes
and Flathead Agency

Bureau of Land
Management

U.S. Fish & Wildlife
Service
Lee Metcalf Refuge and
National Bison Range

Counties of:
Anaconda-Deerlodge
Butte-Silverbow
Missoula
Mineral
Powell
Ravalli
Granite

Portions of Sanders,
Lake, and Flathead

Northern Rockies Coordination Group West Central Montana Area

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Stage I Fire Restrictions for West-Central Montana

Missoula, Mont.—Stage I fire restrictions will go into effect first thing on Saturday, July 14 in West-Central Montana, announced fire management officials. Stage I fire restrictions apply to campfires and smoking.

Specifically, at Stage I, campfires are prohibited unless they are in a designated campsite, which will be distinctively listed by the appropriate land management agency. In addition to the campfire restrictions, smoking is prohibited unless within an enclosed vehicle, building, or in an area 3 feet in diameter, that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

These restrictions apply to any lands outside of designated city limits, regardless of ownership. The restrictions will remain in effect until there is a significant long-term change in fire danger.

These restrictions apply to all state, federal, and private forested lands within the following counties: Mineral, Missoula, Powell (excluding the Helena National Forest), Ravalli, Granite, Anaconda-Deer Lodge, Butte-Silver Bow, a portion of Sanders County outside the Kootenai National Forest, and those portions of Flathead and Lake Counties lying within the Flathead Indian Reservation. These restrictions also apply to forested lands administered by the Lolo National Forest (excluding the Bob Marshall Wilderness), Bitterroot National Forest, portions of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest within the West-Central Montana Fire Restrictions Area, Bureau of Land Management, Montana DNRC Southwestern Land Office, Montana DNRC Northwestern Land Office (Plains Unit), Flathead Indian Reservation, Region 2 of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), and the US Fish & Wildlife Service (National Bison Range and Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge).

Fire officials also encourage industrial woods operators to observe “hoot-owl” work hours on a voluntary basis. Traditionally, “hoot-owl” hours are described as work done during the hours between 1:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information regarding wildland fire safety, campfires, and fire restrictions on Montana’s forested lands in West Central Montana, please contact your local DNRC, Forest Service, Tribal, fire department, law enforcement, or FWP office.

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